वस्तुओं को अतिरिक्त आवंटन करने हेतु ऐसा कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारों के संयुक्त दायित्व के अधीन क्रियान्वित की जा रही है। तथापि, केन्द्रीय सरकार का दायित्व "बल्क" में खाद्यान्नों की वसूली करना और राज्यों को उपलब्ध कराना है। लेकिन राज्य के अन्दर वितरण का दायित्व राज्य सरकार का है। राज्य सरकार को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं का मासिक कोटा नियमित रूप से आवंटित किया जा रहा है और यदि कोई विशेष आवश्यकता हो तो उसे इसमें से पूरा किया जा सकता है।

FCI's Purchase Organisation for Rice at Tadepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh

1274. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has a big purchase organisation for rice at Tadepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the quantum of rice purchased at Tadepalligudem by FCI in 1996-97;

(c) whether the same brisk purchase of rice will be done in 1997-98; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The FCI is operating 17 rice (levy) purchase centres and 27 paddy purchase centres in the West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh with Headquarters at Tadepalligudem.

(b) A quantity of 6.6 lakh tonnes of rice was procured in FCI district of Tadepalligudem during 1996-97 Kharif Marketing Season.

(c) and (d) It is pre-mature to indicate the likely procurement of rice in Kharif Marketing Season 1997-98 which will commence from 1st October, 1997.

Two Kilograms of Foodgrains per month under TPDS for the Labourers

1275. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) while introducing TPDS whether Government feels that two kilograms of foodgrains per month is sufficient for labourer to allow him to have sufficient calorie intake;

(b) if not, whether Government will agree to supply foodgrains in excess of two kilograms per month through TPDS;

(c) whether Government have studied the number of families below poverty level at the marco-level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Under the TPDS, 10 kg. of foodgrains per family per month are issued at specially subsidised prices to the families Below Poverty Line (BPL). Besides it, foodgrains @ 1 kg. per manday at specially subsidised prices will be provided under EAS/JRY schemes to the poor people offering themselves for work under these schemes. Thus the poor families can get 10 kg. of foodgrains p.m. under the normal eligibility as BPL families and an additional 8 to 16 kg. p.m. under EAS/JRY schemes at specially subsidised prices. However, the Public Distribution System is not a substitute for the open market but only a supplement to it.

(b) It is possible to increase the scale of 10 kg. per family per month provided a consensus emerges to exclude the APL families from PDS in the matter of foodgrains.

(c) and (d) Government of India have adopted the estimates of population